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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

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1. The morning briefing was in the Machine Records Division, Office of the Comptroller. During the entire briefing only two points of serious discussion arose.

2. The first concerned the fact that the Machine Records Division is preparing 354 recurring reports. The sheer volume of such reports immediately raised the question as to who authorized machine reports; whether [redacted] had authority to reject or suspend requests for reports and whether any effective review was made to eliminate or consolidate reports. Aside from such control and review as [redacted] could and did personally exercise, there appeared to be no control program in effect. The question was specifically asked and answered in the negative, whether the Management Staff acted as a positive control point.

3. The second point concerned the personnel and staffing problems of Machine Records Division. A 33-1/3 percent annual attrition was disclosed. The possible causes of the high turnover were thoroughly discussed. These included the possibility of an inadequate grade structure, lack of advancement opportunities, and possibly faulty recruitment with respect to age, temperament or intellectual level. This latter discussion disclosed a shortage of personnel, vacant T/O positions, needs to fill overseas positions, and an inadequate influx of new employees.

4. The afternoon briefing was on the Fiscal Division. Absolutely no significant points of inquiry developed. The entire briefing, however, was very chaotic and confusing because Colonel Miller attempted to apply his knowledge of Army finance processes in telling [redacted] how the CIA Fiscal Division undoubtedly operated. The air, accordingly, was blue with denials, corrections, backtracking and finally mutual understanding (?).

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